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**Hey, LA! \***

We're halfway through summer, and if you're anything like us, you've been spending a lot of time in the sun. All this time outdoors has gotten us thinking about our precious environment and how we can do more to preserve it. That's why we've chosen to dedicate this newsletter to some ways you can get informed and engaged.

We've also included an update from 2016 My LA2050 grantee, **AltaSea**. In response to your feedback, we are kicking off a series of newsletters that will spotlight **past My LA2050 grantees!** We're so excited to catch up with some of our previous winners and fill you in on how their organizations are doing.

Trees play an essential role in keeping temperatures down. A [USC study](#) found that some neighborhoods in LA saw tree canopy reductions of up to 55 percent since 2000. LA's tree canopy may be disappearing... but there's something you can do about it! LADWP has a FREE program where you can do your part to preserve LA's trees by requesting a tree to be planted in [your parkway](#) or in [your home!](#) †

Last week, the LA County Board of Supervisors voted to place a tax measure on the ballot in November that would raise an estimated \$300 million per year for clean water projects as part of a new [Safe Clean Water Program \(SCWP\)](#). The initiative still needs a two-thirds vote to pass this fall. You can check out the [Our Water LA coalition](#), designed to secure a better water future for LA! ♪

The Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator (LACI) and the California Clean Energy Fund (CalCEF) are partnering up for

the first-ever [California Climate Cup](#), a global competition seeking startup innovations for zero emission transportation and clean energy solutions in megacities. The grand prize winner receives \$25k. Applications are due August 6, 2018, don't miss out! 🌐

### Exciting update from 2016 LA2050 grantee, AltaSea!

AltaSea is transforming 35 acres in the oldest part of the Los Angeles harbor into a center for ocean-focused research, STEM education, and sustainable business incubation. Their LA2050 grant helped form the L.A. Waterfront STEM Network, which provides ocean-focused education to middle school students, inspiring them to champion sustainable uses of our oceans.

#### **Alta Sea has had an eventful year:**

- Hosting the crew of ["The Swim"](#) as they prepared for Ben Lecomte's audacious attempt to swim 5,500 miles across the Pacific Ocean. Ben's swim from Tokyo to San Francisco through the Great Garbage Patch of the North Pacific is designed to raise awareness about plastics pollution. He and his crew also raised money for AltaSea, while conducting thousands of tests for NASA and NOAA research projects.
- Launching a six-week pilot program with the Boys and Girls Clubs of LA Harbor to educate students on sustainable aquaculture and underwater robotics.

This fall, [Pangaea's ship, the Sea Dragon](#), will be the latest research vessel to dock at AltaSea's wharf. The Sea Dragon crew will provide educational tours during their stay, and on Sept. 15, the Sea Dragon team and scientist/author Dr. Marcus Eriksen will be featured at AltaSea's fall [Open House](#) as they discuss the path toward urban resilience.

### Learn more!

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July 25, 6-8pm | [LA River Master Plan Community Meeting](#)  
July 26, 8pm | [Goapele, Sunset Concerts at the Skirball](#)  
July 27, 5-9pm | [Summer Nights in the Garden at the Natural History Museum](#)  
July 28, 10am-12pm | [AltaSea Open House: Ocean Innovation](#)  
July 28, 6-8pm | [LA River Night Hike](#)  
August 2, 7:45-9:15am | [Social Impact Breakfast](#)  
August 11, 8pm | [Frida Kahlo Under the Stars with Gregorio Luke](#)  
August 18, 12-8pm | [Los Angeles Taco Festival](#)  
August 29, 5:30-8pm | [LACI Women in Cleantech: Redefining Failure](#)  
September 30, 9am-4pm | [Celebrate LA! LA Phil 100 x CicLAvia](#)  
Until January 2019 | [Exhibition: ¡Ya Basta! The East L.A. Walkouts and the Power of Protest](#)  
Mondays & Tuesdays, 6pm (Ongoing) | [Hack for LA: Hack Nights](#)

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